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Re:	Applicant:	Beckman Coulter, Inc.
	Inventor:	MORITZ, Jeffrey R. and AVNET, Allan
	Invention:	CONDUCTIVE PLASTIC RACK FOR PIPETTE TIPS
	Serial No.:	10/071,726
	Filed:	February 8, 2002
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**OFFICE OF INITIAL PATENT EXAMINATION - STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir/Madam:

We filed a Second Preliminary Amendment on February 14, 2003 regarding the above-referenced patent application. The patent application was published on August 14, 2003. Because we have not yet received any further communications from you, such as an Office Action, we ask your assistance in verifying the status of this application.

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Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (317) 236-5804.

Respectfully submitted,

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